



**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**  
**FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of the shortened statutory period set for reply to the Office Action dated December 13, 2004. A check is enclosed in the amount of \$225.00 in payment of the fee set forth in C.F.R. § 1.17(a) (2).

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action dated December 13, 2004, the Examiner contends that the Reply filed December 13, 2004 is non-compliant with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (b) because the Reply does not include arguments pointing out specific distinctions believed to render the claims allowable over the applied references. Applicants assert that claims 52-87 are allowable over the prior art for at least the same reasons that the Examiner provided for allowing these claims in the Office Action dated November 10, 2003 (page 10, originally independent claims 23, 33 and 43). Namely, that these claims are allowable over the prior art at least because they include an indexing software module directed to recording a physical address on a storage device where particular information is located.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that this case is compliant with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (b) and request prompt issuance of the allowed claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the correspondence attached herewith is being transmitted via First Class Mail to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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